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In their work of relieving human physical suffering Southern Baptists at present own and control fourteen hospitals and there are under construction and about ready to be opened at least two more, with considerable progress made toward the erection of others. All of these institutions are liberally patronized and are self-supporting but all of them need to be enlarged in order to meet the rapidly growing demands upon them. The demand for charity work is especially urgent and in order to enable them to thus render a needed service to those who are least able to help themselves as well as to provide larger facilities for the regular work the hospitals are doing the sum of \$4,800,000 has been apportioned to them from the proceeds to be raised in the Baptist 75 Million Campaign.

This work of relieving the physical sufferings of men, women and children and thus putting them on the

road to better health and larger efficiency and usefulness was begun within the bounds of the Southern Baptist convention in 1890 when the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium was opened in St. Louis. From a very small beginning in a residence with less than a dozen beds, this institution has grown into a modern institution with more than 300 beds.

Other Baptist hospitals in the South include Baptist Hospital, Muskogee, Okla.; Baptist Hospital, Miami, Okla.; Baptist Hospital, Cushing, Okla.; Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.; Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta; Oklahoma Baptist State Hospital, Oklahoma City; Baptist Hospital, Columbia, S. C.; Texas Baptist Memorial Sanitarium, Dallas; Baptist Hospital, Houston, Tex.; Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, La.; Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Miss.; St. Louis Baptist Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.; and the Kansas City Baptist Hospital at Kansas City, Mo.

R. E. Tucker, county commissioner, from the third district, Eddy county, spent much of the week in town attending court.

L. A. Swartz left yesterday for his ranch in the Lovington vicinity where he expects to remain several days.

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PRESIDENT'S APPEAL FOR ACTION IGNORED.

Two Months Pass Without Move by Republican Congress to Enact Bills.

Washington, D. C.—Fifty-eight days ago President Wilson urged Speaker Gillett, of the House of Representatives, and Representative Mondell, majority leader, to forego their proposed recess of five weeks, and enact important legislation for the control of the high cost of living. Seven days later (August 8) he addressed Congress and asked for laws to force the sales of hoarded foodstuffs, and to prosecute profiteers. Subsequently Attorney General Palmer appeared before the House and Senate committees begging them to act quickly so that he could run down and punish the guilty.

Up to this time Congress has not passed a bill carrying out the President's recommendations. An amendment to the food control act was put through the House several weeks ago and sent to the Senate where it was handicapped with a rider, added by Senator Ball of Delaware, dealing with rents in the District of Columbia. It is believed by friends of the President that the Republicans would kill the profiteering measure if they didn't fear public sentiment. The Ball rider is one way of choking it to death.

The postponement of final action on this amendment is costing the people of the country millions of dollars in profits exacted by gougers. The Department of Justice is helpless. It cannot reach the worst classes of profiteers. In an appeal of Chairman Hansen, of the House Committee on Agriculture, which first considered the profiteering bill, Judge C. B. Ames, Assistant to the Attorney General, on September 20, said:

"Will you pardon me for calling your attention to the importance of early action on the amendments to the food control act? If the matter of rents in the District of Columbia is likely to cause material delay, is there not some way by which it can be separated from the other amendments so that earlier action upon them may be taken?"

"Reports continue coming to this department indicating profiteering in shoes and other articles of wearing apparel. Pending the passage of the amendments the department is powerless to deal effectively with these reports."

"We are also advised that the Holly Sugar Corporation of California is placing the new crop of beet sugar on the market at \$11.50 the prevailing price for the old crop. This being a case of individual action, and the new crop not being controlled by the Sugar Equalization Board, the Department cannot take effective action in the matter until the amendments were passed."

Pete Craft, of Clovis, is acting as relief agent at the Santa Fe station in Carlsbad during the absence of L. H. Hanzate, who is in Denver.

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EDDY COUNTY READY TO BATTLE EPIDEMIC OF FLU

Health Officer L. H. Pate of Carlsbad Has Formed Efficient Organization for Use if It Is Needed.

Carlsbad, N. M., Oct. 5.—There'll be no epidemic of flu in New Mexico this fall, if medical skill, rigorous health laws and efficient administrators can prevent it. New Mexico is ready and so is Eddy county, for the state health department has ordered its county health officers to organize their counties into working units, and County Health Officer L. H. Pate of Carlsbad is firmly in the saddle with an efficient organization behind him. A recent mass meeting at the Carlsbad Commercial club afforded the personnel for the committees, which are organized and ready for work if the need comes.

"There is no influenza in Eddy county, despite rumors to the contrary," said Dr. Pate, Friday, "and I do not look for its return in virulent form this fall, nor for many years. Medical history for three centuries shows no recurrence of an epidemic in the year following its first appearance. We can trace their return in periods varying from fifteen to seventy years. And medical science would have labored in vain had it not proven that the human body builds up an immunity to disease. I found a singular immunity from the influenza last year in people who had had the disease in 1889. They did not contract it although frequently in constant contact with patients who were suffering from the disease in its virulent form."

"There is propaganda going on now, bolstered by the patent medicine proprietors. I have a postal card on my desk which states that the Maine health authorities expect the flu to come back this year in a mild form, but that this patent remedy rubbed into the nostrils will ward off an attack. Such a statement is absurd, and only the ignorant will be fooled by it. Our best men have not isolated the germ. There is a vaccine which will reduce the chances of serious complications arising, but there is absolutely no vaccine which will ward off the flu. The influenza germ has never been found. Our present methods of staining and microscopic analysis have not detected it. When it is found a vaccine will be made and influenza will be classed in the same category with measles, typhoid and smallpox against which we can and do guard."

The Eddy county health officer then discussed some provisions of the present health law, which is, so he said, a common sense measure.

"Had we had the present law on the statute books last year there would not have been so great a loss, for this measure provides for strict regulation during an epidemic,

and the law has a kick in it hitherto lacking. Last year it was extremely difficult for the county health officers to collect health statistics during the time of greatest danger. The present law requires that these reports be made to the county health officers and provides a fine of from \$5 to \$100 if they be not made. This enables the county and state authorities to put their organizations at work where the greatest danger is, for prevention is still the best cure, and the quarantine is our one best bet."

Dr. Pate thought it possible that the war-stricken population of Europe developed a virulent type of germ, which could not be developed now that conditions are returning to normal.

"An impoverished person can not make the same game fight against disease that a physically able person can. Should a patient fight off the disease it weakens the type of germ. On the other hand, if the germ finds a ready host in a patient who is unable to resist the disease germs, the germ is a stronger type at the conclusion of its battle with the human being than when it began. Nature provides an equilibrium always and we see it working now."

The Eddy county organization has a strong personnel and the central committee is especially well chosen. It is headed by Dr. Pate and with him are associated Mayor D. G. Grantham, Mrs. C. C. Lewis of the Red Cross, County Commissioner Charles Mann and L. A. Swartz and W. F. Melvain, secretary of the Commercial club.

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U. S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The United States Civil Service Commission again announces an examination for the position of Clerk in the postoffice in this city. There has been difficulty in securing a sufficient number of applicants for this position and therefore all qualified persons are urged to enter the examination. Application blanks and further information may be obtained from the Local Secretary of the Board of Civil Service Examiners at the U. S. Reclamation Service in this city.

John R. Joyce Enters N. Y. School

Special to the Current.
Manlius, N. Y., October 3, 1919.—John Robt. Joyce, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Joyce, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, has arrived here to enter Saint John's School. He will take a college preparatory course. St. John's is a War Department Honor School and Cadet Joyce will be a member of the unit of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps maintained at the school.

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